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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Minister Angela Williams, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, DC, a resident of South Carolina. We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Minister Angela Williams, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, our Sovereign Lord, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon our Nation. For You, O Lord, are our strength and our righteousness. We recognize that ours is a priceless inheritance—a country founded on the truth that all women and men are created equal and endowed by our Creator with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We cannot forget these words, lest we fail as a Nation.

With Your everlasting arms, lift up the Members of the United States Senate, so that they may carry out their indispensable mission of conducting the Nation's business fully and fairly. Incline Your ear toward the United States of America, that You may hear the prayers of Your people. Let Your face continue to shine upon those of all races, nationalities, religions, and creeds—the rich and the poor, those with privileges and those who have been denied.

Now, more than ever before, we need Your peace. Families, schools, and communities too often seem besieged. But we know that in the midst of it all, You have only to say, "Peace, be to you." Lord, help us to walk with You in integrity and wisdom and do that which is always just in Your sight. Continue to bless those who work on Capitol Hill, as we give to You all glory, honor, and praise. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable GEORGE V. VOINOVICH, a Senator from the State of Ohio, led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader.

SCHEDULE

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators DURBIN and THOMAS in control of the time.

Senators should be aware that cloture was filed on the motion to proceed to the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill and on the motion to proceed to the intelligence authorization bill. Under the provisions of rule XXII, those votes will occur on Wednesday, 1 hour after the Senate convenes. During Thursday morning's session, there will be a time set aside for those Members who have not had the opportunity to make their statements in memory of our former colleague, Paul Coverdell.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at the hour of 12:30 p.m. the Senate stand in recess until the hour of 2:15 p.m. in order for the weekly party caucuses to meet.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a

period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN, or his designee, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and Senator THOMAS, or his designee, from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Massachusetts.

GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I commend the Senate's guest Chaplain today, Minister Angela Williams, for her eloquent prayer opening today's session of the Senate. Angela became a licensed minister in January of this year, and she is currently an associate minister at Shiloh Baptist Church in the District of Columbia. I had the privilege of attending her first sermon there last November. She is also currently a graduate student at Virginia Union University in Richmond, where she is pursuing the degree of master of divinity.

Angela's father, J.C. Williams, is also a minister. He served for 28 years with great distinction as a Navy chaplain. He retired in 1998, and is now an associate minister in Martinez, GA. Rev. J.C. Williams served as guest Chaplain for the Senate last September.

Our guest Chaplain today wears many hats. Angela Williams is also a talented lawyer, and is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School. As an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Florida, she was selected to serve on the National Church Arson Task Force, which was created by the Department of Justice to investigate, prosecute, and prevent the epidemic of church arsons that were afflicting many parts of the country. From 1996 to 1998, Angela Williams investigated and prosecuted approximately 25 percent of those Federal cases nationwide.

Angela is also well known to many of us in the Senate and the House of Representatives. For the past 2 years, in

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